

Through The Years

By FAY YOUNG

Expect an announcement after Nov. 1 that a well known coach has been signed by astute Rufus B. Atwood, president of Kentucky State college. This man will fill the vacancy made when Henry Arthur Kean left the Thoroughbreds for Tennessee State college. Now start your guessing. Nope, you're wrong that time.

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Bowling news along with all other news must suffer as a war casualty. Trouble is that we have a certain allotment of newsprint which reduces space given to sports. But sports does not suffer any more than the women's pages and the theatrical news. Take the spite out on the pins and not the sports editor who is doing his level best to cram two pages of news into one and give all a break. You don't get all the sugar and butter you used to get in prewar days therefore don't expect all the bowling news. Be good sports.



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Hank Rigney, Toledo promoter, blew into town this week, hotter than a boiled owl. Reason is that Hank claims that the Memphis Red Sox pulled into his home from South Bend at 10:45 at night for a night game. Money had been refunded to most of the fans. A few stayed to see the Sox and the Kansas City Monarchs play a delayed game. Kansas City was paid its share. The park is waiting for the Memphis owner to cough up enough dough to pay the bill. So far it hasn't been done so Hank took a flyer to Chicago to confer with President J. B. Martin since no answer comes from Dr. B. B. Martin, the Memphis owner.

Rigney goes farther. He declares, in event he gets no action, to take the matter up with Judge K. M. Landis, baseball's high commissioner, asking him to bar the Memphis Red Sox from all major and minor league parks which will mean that Negro baseball is headed "down the river."

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Since there has been some talk of a new league and we can't put our finger on any such thing as having started and won't write any copy on it until a meeting is held and some plans formulated. However, all the fans know something is wrong with Negro baseball and has been for some time. Those who have had the power to straighten things out have thus far failed to do so. If a new league is started, the blame is on those who could have kept the thing straight and didn't do it. No one can blame any owner from pulling out, if he so desires, after several years of wish-washy handling of problems, of players being borrowed by one team from another for league games against a league club and

being returned to the club from which he was borrowed to play against another league club.

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It costs "Sunnyman" Rufus Jackson of the fence busting Homestead Grays \$8,700 a month in players' salaries and Josh Gibson pulls down a grand (\$1,000 to you) for playing ball while the Grays must draw like a "house afire" on Saturdays and Sundays to break even. Little money is collected on week-day games even though some are played at night. The Negro world series was a flop financially.

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